**Which plant we chose?**

We chose to grow lentil. This plant grows whenever during the year. Moreover, lentils can be started indoors at 20°C before being transplanted to the garden. The seeds (=graines) germinate in 10 days. Lentils require 80 to 110 days to be [harvest](http://harvesttotable.com/tag/harvest/" \o "harvest) (=moisson) so it permits us to eat lentils.

**Description.** Lentils are a member of the pea family. Lentils grow on branched vines from 45 to 60 centimeters tall.

**Site.** Lentils need full sun. Lentils prefer a loose well-drained soil.

**Planting and spacing.** Seeds have to be at 1 to 2.5 centimeters deep, spaced 1 centimeter apart.

**Water and feeding.** Keep lentils evenly moist (=moite).Lentils are more drought (=sécheresse) tolerant than other beans. Do not water lentils once pods (=cosses) have begun to dry.

**Pests .** Aphids may attack lentils.

**Diseases (=maladies)** Lentils have no serious disease problem. Mildew may attack lentils that are too closely planted.

**Varieties.** Lentils can be divided into large lentils and small lentils. There are dozens of varieties of each type. Three common lentil varieties existed; flat brown ones, small yellow ones, and large pea-shaped ones.

**Storing and preserving.** Unshelled green-pod lentils will keep in the fridge for one week. Dried, shelled lentils can be stored in a cool, dry place for 10 to 12 months.